

SNOW REMOVAL PROCEDURES

The Town of Eaton Public Works Department is ready with a snow and ice control plan to keep streets safe and accessible during winter storms. The Town will use a 3-tiered system to prioritize what streets will be plowed: primary, secondary, and residential. The goal is to provide snow and ice control on Primary and Secondary Routes. Residential streets, the third tier, will be the last to be prioritized and will only be plowed after severe winter storms as Town resources allow. When town crews plow residential streets, the snow will be plowed to the center of the street to avoid covering sidewalks and driveways. This also prevents vehicles on the street from becoming buried.

It must be recognized that each snowstorm is different with variable conditions, such as pavement temperature, winds, snowfall rates, duration, and traffic activity. This plan must remain flexible and take into consideration these variables.

SIDEWALKS: By Town ordinance, property owners are responsible for clearing their sidewalks of snow within 24 hours following each snowstorm to allow for safe pedestrian access. A citation and/or fine may be issued if the property owner fails to comply. Snow should not be shoveled or plowed into the streets as it is counter-productive to the goals of the plowing crews.

SNOW REMOVAL PRIORITIES

- 1. Primary routes, as identified on the snow route map, will be plowed first. Snow removal will be concentrated primarily on these routes throughout the storm.
- 2. Secondary routes will be plowed after all primary routes have been addressed. Secondary routes will be opened as soon as possible after the primary routes.
- 3. Crews will place a sand and/or salt mixture on all controlled intersections, including residential streets to make driving conditions as safe as possible. Crews will prioritize the intersections based on the tiered system.
- 4. Residential streets are not plowed except after very severe winter storms. A severe storm is defined as a storm leaving an accumulation of 12 inches or more of snow and the snow is expected to remain on the roads for several days. In these cases, snow on residential streets will be plowed to the center of the road.
- 5. Town crews will not remove snow from any private property. This includes private driveways, sidewalks, and parking lots.
- 6. Private property owners and anyone working for said owners may not push, throw, or pile snow in public streets, sidewalks, alleys, or rights-of-way.

